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## NEWS.

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WITH THE December number 1899, completing the fifteenth volume, *Natural Science* announces its suspension on account of inadequate financial support.

MISS FANNY E. LANGDON, formerly instructor in botany in the University of Michigan, died at Ann Arbor, October 21, 1899, after an operation for appendicitis.

FROM *Science* we learn that Dr. H. M. Richards, instructor in botany in Barnard College, has been compelled by ill health to relinquish his courses and has sailed for Europe.

DR. B. L. ROBINSON, the curator of the Gray Herbarium, has been appointed to a new chair established in Harvard University, the Asa Gray professorship of systematic botany.

ABOUT 200 volumes from the library of the botanist David Hosack have been presented to the New York Botanical Garden. They are in excellent condition and some of them are very rare.

DR. C. V. PIPER, of Washington Agricultural College, has been granted a year's leave of absence, which he is spending in work upon the Washington flora at the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University.

DR. W. G. FARLOW, of Harvard University, and Miss Lilian Horsford, of Cambridge, Mass., were married on January 10. Dr. Farlow will receive the congratulations and best wishes of a host of botanical friends.

MESSRS. HENRY HOLT & CO., announce for immediate publication Atkinson's *Lessons in Botany* and Barnes' *Outlines of Plant Life*. Both books are simplified and abbreviated editions of earlier books by the same authors.

PROFESSOR J. W. TOUMEY, of the University of Arizona, will spend half of the present year at Washington on the staff of the Division of Forestry. During his absence his work will be carried on by Dr. A. A. Tyler, who has been appointed assistant botanist.

PROFESSOR L. F. HENDERSON, of the University of Idaho, has been granted leave of absence from January 1900 till the opening of the next college year. He will study the greater part of the time at the Gray Herbarium of Harvard University, and at Cornell University.

THE GENERAL herbarium of the late Dr. Böckeler, of Varel, will be sold. It contains about 12,000 species and is very complete for the European flora. Several exotic sets are also included, and some families from the herbarium of Kurt Sprengel. Further details may be obtained by addressing H. Graf zu Solms-Laubach, Strassburg, the editor of *Botanische Zeitung*.

A FULL-LENGTH oil portrait of Linnaeus was presented to the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences at the meeting on Tuesday, December 26, by Mr. Charles E. Smith, a veteran botanist of Philadelphia. The portrait is a copy of the original painting in the possession of Baron Verschner of Holland. It was made for Mr. Smith by Boudewynse with the permission of the owner. It represents Linnaeus in early manhood, in the dress he wore when making a journey to Lapland. Engravings of this portrait are not rare.

THE FIRST number of the new *Bulletin de l'Institut Botanique de Buitenzorg* contains an account of the present condition of the institute, its staff, publications, garden and laboratory facilities; of the climate; of the opportunities it offers to visiting naturalists, with suggestions and information of special value to those who contemplate going thither. Since 1885, seventy-five naturalists have visited the garden, of whom twenty-two were from Holland and nineteen from Germany; Austria coming next with nine, while only one American, Mr. Fairchild, has been there for study. Plans of the gardens and buildings are also shown.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the department of botany for the thirteenth season of the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory has been issued unusually early. The session is to begin Thursday July 5 and close on Thursday August 16. The staff consists of Dr. Bradley M. Davis, in charge, Mr. Geo. T. Moore, and Dr. Rodney H. True; with Mrs. Rhoda A. Esten as curator of the herbarium and Miss Lillian G. MacRae as collector. Courses (lectures and laboratory work) will be offered in cryptogamic botany, physiology, and cytology. Besides this, there will be the usual course of general lectures of which the details cannot yet be announced. A course in "nature study" will be offered this year for the first time. The announcement may be obtained by application to Dr. B. M. Davis, the University of Chicago.